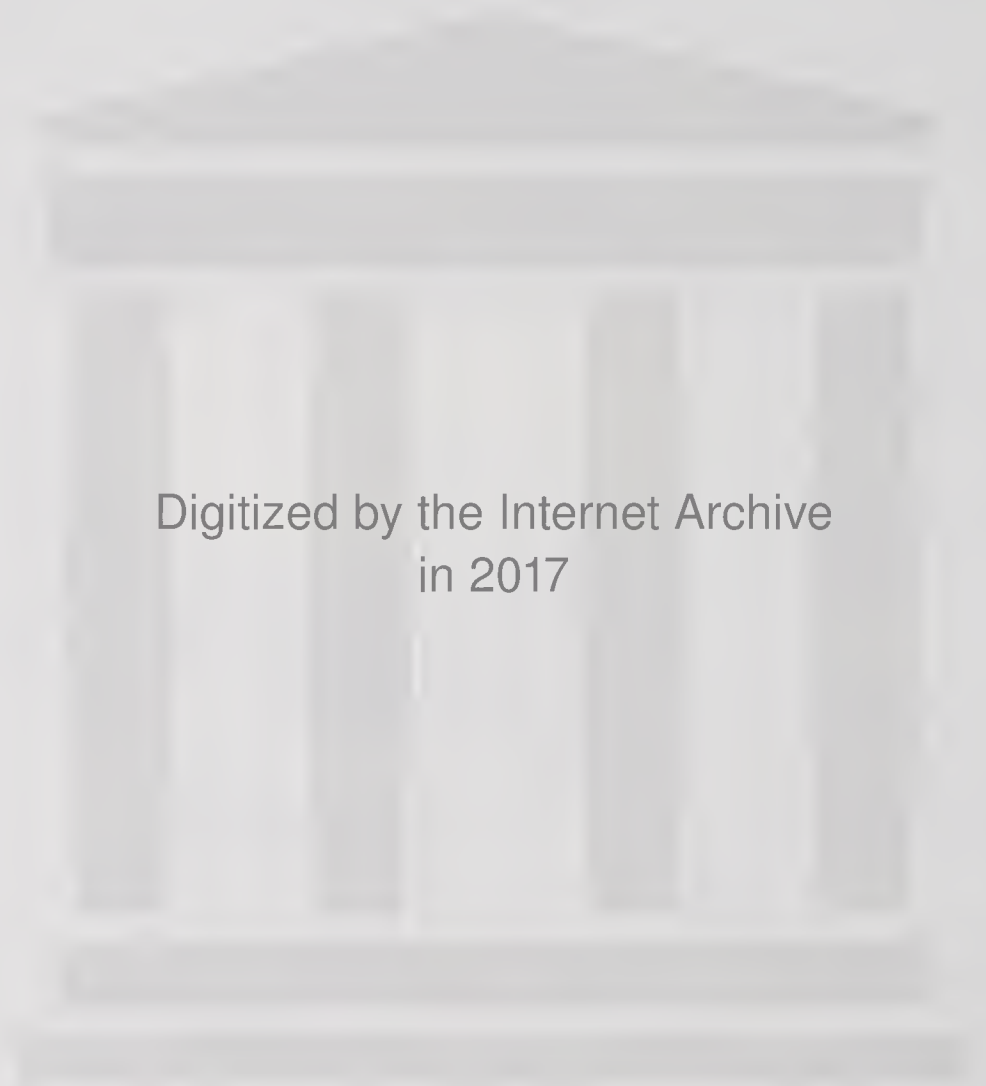
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OF

WESTERN

YEARLY MEETING

OF FRIENDS,

HELD AT

SUGAR GROVE,

Near Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana.

1906.

THE PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS,
PLAINFIELD, INDIANA.

MINUTES OF

Western Yearly Meeting Of Friends.

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1. At Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana, 10th month, 8th, 1906.

2. By reports received from each of the Quarterly Meetings, it appears the following named Friends were appointed their Representatives in this meeting who were present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given:

WHITE LICK:—William Harvey, Ashley Johnson and William P. Reynolds.

LAURA:—John Cary, Isaiah Pemberton, Charles F. Hinshaw and Elijah Peacock.

PLAINFIELD:—Milton Stanley, James Kersey, Phineas Pickett and Ezra Barker.

3. Those appointed by the Quarterly Meetings as Caretakers were present except one.

4. We have at this time the acceptable company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, Joseph Allen, John Carey, Milton Stanley and Phineas Pickett are appointed to unite with a similar committee of Women's Meeting in preparing appropriate minutes relative to the attendance and labors of those with credentials and produce them at a future sitting.

5. The committee standing appointed to record the

minutes of this meeting report that the work has been attended to.

6. We have received and read at this time acceptable epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we have been in correspondence. To prepare and produce to a future sitting, epistles in reply to them, as Truth opens the way, we appoint John Carey, Phineas Pickett, Nathan Pinson, Arthur B. Maxwell, Addison Hadley and Clarkson B. Thomas.

7. Those appointed last year to attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes report that it was attended to at a cost of $26.75.

8. Milton Stanley, Allen Maxwell, Phineas Pickett and Ashley Johnson are appointed to attend to the printing and the distribution of the minutes this year. They are directed to have 600 copies of the minutes printed, append thereto the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, the usual calendar of our meetings, draw on our Treasurer to defray the expense and report next year.

9. Those appointed last year to receive packages of the printed minutes and distribute to the members of their respective meetings, report that it was attended to in all of the meetings.

10. Joseph Allen, Ahira Johnson, Edward Maxwell, Restore Thornburg, John L. Harvey, Asa Ellis and Isaiah Pemberton are appointed to receive packages of the printed minutes, distribute them to the members of their respective meetings and report next year.

11. The Representatives are directed to confer together and propose at next sitting the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Clerk and one for Assistant

Clerk the ensuing year. They are also directed to examine the Treasurer's account, propose an amount to raise for Yearly Meeting stock, name a Friend for Treasurer, consider the ratio for raising money and distribution of documents, and report thereon at a future sitting.

12. Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING.

TENTH MONTH, NINTH.

13. The meeting convened near the hour to which it adjourned.

14. William Harvey, on behalf of the Representatives, proposed the name of Luna O. Stanley for Clerk and Arthur B. Maxwell for Assistant Clerk, who being considered and united with they are appointed to the respective services.

15. Those appointed last year in relation to epistolary correspondence with North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, N. C., to attend that meeting and as way opened to mingle with them in their subordinate meetings and families report below, with which this meeting fully unites. This meeting accordingly recognizes North Carolina Yearly Meeting as a co-ordinate Branch of the Society of Friends, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a suitable extract informing them of this meetings decision, signed on behalf of this meeting. The committee also returns a minute granted them for the aforesaid service with returning minutes from some of the meetings which they attended, which are satisfactory to this meeting.

REPORT:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee of last year to attend North Carolina Yearly Meeting report that four of their number attended that meeting held in 11th month last year—a part also attended some of the subordinate meetings and many of the families. We believe they are sound in faith and concerned to uphold our doctrines which have characterized the Society of Friends from its beginning. And to maintain these and the orderly discipline of the Church, we felt they were fully justified in the course they have taken, and were entitled to our sympathy and encouragement. We are united in proposing that the Yearly Meeting recognize that body as a co-ordinate branch of the Society of Friends.

On behalf of the committee,

NATHAN PINSON,
MARIA H. MAXWELL.

16. We have received and read at this time an acceptable epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, which is referred to the Epistle Committee appointed yesterday, with the following names in addition thereto, i. e. Mahlon Johnson, John H. Robinson and Albert Maxwell.

17. The following Friends are appointed to embody as way opens, a summary of the exercises and advices of this meeting in a suitable minute and produce it to a future sitting, i. e. John Carey, Joseph Allen, Ezra Barker, Eli Hadley and Milton Stanley.

18. All the Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to them from each of the Quarterly Meetings, and the following summaries of them are approved.

1st Ans. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by most of our members. No unbecoming behavior therein to note. The hour of meeting is nearly observed, with a little exception in one report.

2d Ans. We believe most Friends are preserved in Christian love one toward another. Tale-bearing and detraction are dis-

couraged and mostly avoided. No apparent differences amongst us.

3d Ans. Friends have a concern to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care in our Christian principles, and in plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment which they enjoin. They endeavor to guard them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation. They are encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures. Yet we believe more care in the particulars of this query is desirable.

4th Ans. Friends are clear of importing, vending, distilling and as far as we know, clear of the unnecessary use of all intoxicating liquors; of attending circus shows and other places of diversion. Moderation and temperance pretty well observed.

5th Ans. No poor amongst us requiring aid the past year.

6th Ans. Friends maintain a testimony against priests and ministers wages; against slavery, oaths, bearing arms and all military services, trading in goods taken in war and against lotteries.

7th Ans. Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or in harzardous or speculative trade. They appear to be just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their contracts and engagements, and in paying their debts seasonably. Care has been extended where any have given ground for fear in these respects.

8th Ans. Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried after.

ANNUAL ANSWERS.

1st Ans. No new meetings settled the past year.

2d Ans. Schools are encouraged for the education of our youth under the care of teachers in membership with us. And each family of Friends is furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

3d Ans. The queries addressed to the Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings are read and answered therein as directed.

19. The following information appears on the reports from Laura Quarterly Meeting, viz. White River Month-

ly Meeting with the approval of Laura Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, records John H. Robinson a minister of the Gospel.

20. This meeting has been brought into a concern, full unity being expressed, that it would be right to appoint a committee to visit, in the love of the Gospel, the subordinate meetings and the members composing them, and to appoint some meetings as Truth opens the way. The following named Friends are appointed to unite with a similar committee, of Womens Meeting to propose at a future sitting the name of Friends for such service, i. e. Albert Maxwell, William Harvey, Phineas Pickett, Isaiah Pemberton, David Thomas and Milton Stanley.

21. The Book, Tract, Peace and Temperance Committee reports as appears below, which is satisfactory to the meeting. The committee is continued to have care of the subject and report next year.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our report last year there have been three gross of Moral and Religious Almanacs, 200 Juvenile Tracts and 238 Miscellaneous Tracts purchased from Friends Book Store, Philadelphia, which were forwarded to the various Monthly Meetings for distribution, reports from which show interest taken in the distribution of wholesome literature. Some loans have been made from the Libraries.

We have also received 125 Friends Calendars which were readily disposed of.

The Treasurers report is as follows:

Amount on hand from last year	$10 07
Received from Yearly Meeting	20 00
Received from Women Friends	3 30
Received for Calendars	5 29
Total	$38 66
Amount paid out	16 29
Balance on hand	$22 37

Since there is this balance in the treasury we will not ask for an appropriation this year. The Clerks of the different Monthly Meetings are directed to report to the Clerk of the Yearly Meetings committee by the 20th of the Ninth month.

CLARKSON B. THOMAS, Clerk.

NAMES OF COMMITTEE.

Nathan Pinson,	Elizabeth Sprouse,
Ezra Barker,	Emily H. Hadley,
Allen Maxwell,	Sirene Hinshaw,
Eli Hadley,	Anna Stanton,
Clarkson B. Thomas,	Mary A. Osborn,
Asa Ellis,	Maria Carter,
Isaiah Haworth,	Dorcas Pemberton,
Morris Peacock,	Elma M. Stanley,
Flora Maxwell,	Rena J. Peacock,
Irene J. Pickett,	Mary Jane Stanley.

22. Then adjourned to 10 o'clock Fifth day morning. Public meetings for worship to be held tomorrow at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

FIFTH DAY MORNING.

TENTH MONTH, ELEVENTH.

23. The meeting convened near the time to which it adjourned.

24. The Trustees of the Education funds report as below, which is satisfactory and they are directed to pay to the order of the Committee on Education all the interest that may have accrued on the 1st of First month, 1907, to be used for the support of our schools, agreeably to the provisions of the Articles of Subscriptions to the funds.

REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Total amount of funds	$2,387 91
Total amount of interest due First month 1st, 1907 and subject to the order of the Yearly Meeting.	142 29
Interest received First month, 1st, 1906 and paid over as directed.....	143 22

On behalf of the Trustees,
MILTON STANLEY.

25. The following summaries of the answers to the queries for Ministers and Elders were read:

1st Ans. We are dilligent in the attendance of meetings for worship and discipline seasonably and encourage our families to that religious duty.

2d Ans. Ministers and Elders in the exercise of our gifts appear careful to wait for Divine ability, and we believe we are sound in the doctrines of the Christian religion.

3d Ans. Ministers and Elders appear to be in unity one with another, and with the meetings to which we belong, manifesting a religious concern for the advancement of Truth and the support of our discipline.

4th Ans. Ministers and Elders are good examples in uprightness, temperance and moderation and are concerned to train our families in plainness of dress and simplicity of manners becoming our religious profession.

26. The committee on Education presented the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting. The committe is continued to have care of the subject and report next year.

REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:—

By reports from the Quarterly Meeting's Committees it appears that there are 68 children between the ages of 6 and 21 years, members of this meeting, five of whom have moved beyond our limits, 44 have attended school under care of Friends and one attended the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, one not phy-

sically able to attend school and 14 have attended the public schools. There have been two schools under the care of Monthly Meeting's committees; one at Sugar Grove for a term of five months with an enrollment of 23 and an average daily attendance of 19⅓. And one at Mill Creek for a term of five months with an enrollment of 14 and an average daily attendance of 12.2. There were none but the common branches taught. A portion of Scripture was read daily in the school and each pupil recited a text once a week. The pupils regularly attend midweek meeting in company with their teachers. All our children are receiving literary instruction.

We have received from the trustees of the school funds $143.22. All of which has been expended agreeably to the articles of subscription.

On behalf of the committee,
PHINAES PICKETT, Clerk.

NAMES OF COMMITTEE.

Phineas Pickett,	Luna O. Stanley,	Lenora P. Newlin,
Joseph Allen,	Sarah T. Maxwell,	Lydia B. Thomas,
Nathan Pinson,	Ada V. Stanton,	Emily H. Hadley,
Arthur B. Maxwell,	Mary E. Barker,	Orpha Allen,
Mahlon Johnson,	Hannah B. Horn.	

27. The minutes of the Representative Meeting were read, and its proceedings the past year approved, and the Trustees of this meeting are directed to draw on our Treasurer for the sum of $22.80 as proposed by that body, and apply it in defraying the expenses incurred in repairing the meeting house at Sugar Grove.

28. The committee of a former session to nominate a committee to visit subordinate meetings, families and members for their encouragement and to appoint meetings, report as follows, which is satisfactory to this meeting. The men Friends named therein are appointed to the service, and are encouraged to attend thereto as best wisdom may direct. The clerk is directed to

furnish them with a suitable minute signed on behalf of this meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Yearly Meetings Committee of a former sitting to select Friends for the purpose of visiting our subordinate meetings, families, individuals, and to appoint meetings as truth may open the way, for the encouragement of our membership have confered together and agree to offer the names of the following Friends:

Nathan Pinson,	Irene J. Pickett,
Eli H. Harvey,	Hannah Elmore,
Milton Stanley,	Mary Jane Peacock,
Joseph Allen,	Sarah T. Maxwell,
John H. Robinson,	Lydia B. Thomas,

Ezra Barker.

On behalf of the committee,

PHINEAS PICKETT,
NANCY T. HADLEY,

29. The committee standing appointed to record the epistles issued by this meeting reports, That they have all been recorded that were placed in their hands.

Names of Committee:

Galileo Peacock, Allen Maxwell, John L. Harvey.

30. The committee standing appointed to render assistance to those traveling in the service of this meeting reports, that there has been $50.00 drawn from the Treasury for that purpose the past year.

Names of Committee: Milton Stanley and Ezra Barker.

31. The Representatives report on the condition of the Treasury as appears below which is approved, and Ashley Johnson is reappointed Treasurer. The Quarterly Meetings are directed to raise and forward to the Treasurer of this meeting as early as convenient, their respective proportion of $100.00 to increase the Yearly meeting stock.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The representatives have examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared them with the vouchers and balance on hand and find them to agree.

Balance brought forward from last year,	$175.95
Received from subordinate meetings,	50.00
	$225.95
Expenditures for all purposes,	162.75
Balance on hand,	$63.20

We find the quotas of the Quarterly Meetings have all been paid in and there are no outstanding debts.

We propose that $100.00 be raised to increase the stock and that the ratio be as follows:

White Lick Quarterly Meeting,	18 per cent.
Plainfield " "	62 " "
Laura " "	20 " "

We propose that Ashley Johnson be reappointed Treasurer.

On behalf of the Representative,

EZRA BARKER.

32. The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare essays of Epistles in reply to those received from other yearly meetings produced one for each of them, which are approved. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting place them in the hands of the correspondents for verbal correction and they are directed to forward them to the meetings to which they are addressed.

33. The committee of a former sitting to embody the exercises of the meeting in a suitable minute produced the following, which is satisfactory, and it is directed to the consideration of subordinate meetings and individual members.

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

During the various sittings of the meeting we have been brought to a sense of our dependence upon our great and Holy Head; realizing it is His right to direct the services of his church,

not only while we are assembled for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the church, but at all other times while we are engaged about our lawful avocations; that we may prove to the world that it is our greatest concern, to know of walking in that high way of holiness that is cast up for the redeemed of the Lord to walk in.

We feel again a concern to arise for the encouragement of those who feel called upon to bear our ancient, and distinctive testimony against the changable fashions of the world, and in this connection were reminded of the necessity of being more concerned to know how we appear in the sight of the Lord, than how we appear before men. For He is the one to whom we have to give a final account for all of the deeds done whilst in the body.

We are made to admire the great goodness and mercy of the giver of every good and perfect gift in condescending to overshadow us, as with his ancient goodness. We feel to cry out in our hearts, O Lord, what wilt thou have me to do to inherit eternal life.

In viewing the smallness of our membership and the magnitude of the work before us, we are made to cry unto the Lord for help and strength that we may continue to look unto Him, to be our leader as of old, when the few, through his name were enabled to overcome their enemies.

34. The committee of a former sitting to prepare minutes relative to the attendance and service of those present from other Yearly Meetings with credentials produced satisfactory ones for

S. Calvin Barker, a minister with a minute of unity from Chester Monthly Meeting, Pa., endorsed by Concord Quarterly Meeting, Pa.

And one for Elizabeth Cooper, a minister with a minute of unity from New Garden Monthly Meeting, Pa.

Their company and labors have been satisfactory and encouraging to us and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

35. The meeting having been enable to transact its

business in love and harmony under a living sense of the directing power of our Father in Heaven, we now conclude to meet at the usual time and place next year if consistent with His will.

LUNA O. STANLEY, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

EPISTLES FROM OTHER YEARLY MEETINGS.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, by adjournments from the 29th of Ninth month to the 4th of the Tenth, inclusive, 1906:

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS—In a measure, we trust, of that life and love that emanates from the inexhaustible fountain and Source of all good, we salute you as brethern of the same household of Faith, earnestly desiring your and our prosperity in all that promotes a steady, growth in the heavenward race. In order, dear friends, that this may be our happy experience as a people, we apprehend it needful that we look well to our standing upon the ancient foundation—the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

As we are favored to realize an establishment thereon, our eyes will be anointed to see clearly the dangers that may, from time to time, be permitted to threaten the safety of our Israel; and strength will be given from Him who slumbereth not, so to withstand the insidious approaches of the enemy in all his varied forms, that we may answer the end of our Stewardship, and the reward of the faithfuf may be ours.

We apprehend the dangers most apparent at this time are from within our own borders and conspicious among those perhaps is the tendency to lower the standard given to our worthy predecessors in religious profession to bear before the world; principally in too lightly esteeming our goodly outward order and discipline and some of our precious testimonies. As these sprang from the faithfulness of those worthy sons of the morning to our foundation principle, the light of Christ, God's gift for mans salvation, they, with our discipline, are creatures of this divine light and consequently obligatory upon us, while the conditions do generally exist which required their original institution and that these conditions do generally exist at the present time, all interested are ready to admit.

The disposition to idolize the fashions has great dominion over the hearts of the worldly minded; hence the need of the forceful silent rebuke exhibited in the faithful adherence to our consistent, distinctive attire.

The endless variety exhibited in nature is sometimes cited by the advocates of change in support of the same, as an evidence of life; not discerning that men and women in the natural state, are part of this endless variety in nature, no two alike. But the Church militant on earth of which Jesus Christ's the glorified. Head is composed of such of these, as are brought, under the operation of His spirit and power upon them, into conformity to His will and non conformity to the world.

And the greater the degree of uniformity attained, if happily the process may be observed to come from within, outward, the more strikingly does it indicate the work of the unseen Hand.

Your acceptable epistle of last year was received and read, together with those from other Yearly meetings in the circle of our correspondence, to our comfort.

May we all be so brought under the influence of the Lord's Holy Spirit, as to say, in a feeling of true resignation, "Thy will be done", whether it be anything or nothing; and then, as we pay heed to the further intimations of this spirit, we shall experience a growth from the stature of the babe to that of the young man and the strong man, until we come to be established as pillars in the temple of our God, that shall go no more out.

Signed by direction of the Meeting,

JONATHAN BINNS, Clerk.

Corespondents { James Walton
William L. Ashton,
Jonathan Binns.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island by adjournments from the 9th day of the Sixth month to the 13th of the same inclusive, 1906.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Brethren in one faith, we are thankful for your fellowship in the gospel as manifested in your epistle. We greet you in the words, and we trust in a measure with that spirit in which, the

Apostle addressed the Church at Ephesus—"Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

How should we not rejoice together and give thanks for all the gifts of divine love, which if we were to number them are more than the sands of the sea—and above all for the gift of His spirit whereby we may at times have access to the throne of Grace and for the gift of His Son—through whom we have eternal life.

To Friends, above other denominations has been entrusted the testimony to the living, indwelling Word—the inshining Light—which lighteth every man that cometh into the world—and to the Saviour as the Great High Priest between whom and man there is no need of mortal priest.

To us also has been entrusted the testimony of the refreshings of silent worship—the worship in spirit and in truth. Let us see to it that our silence results in real spiritual exercise—power and growth, and that the inheritance of truth which we have received from our fathers and which is borne in upon our hearts with the Divine seal, is handed down with all the prophetic authority of old.

Thus do we exhort you and ourselves while we confess a lively sense of our shortcomings and unworthiness. But we do not forget the words of the prophet Isaiah "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." So let us keep in the lowly place—exalting His most Holy name—abiding in Him until endued with power, and then strong in His might go forth prisoners of the Lord—and His witnessess. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

Singed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

JOB S. GUDLY, Clerk.

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 22nd of Sixth month to the 26th of the same inclusive, 1906

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS—Your accepable and brotherly epistle has been read at this time to our comfort, and encouragement, with

others from the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. The counsel and advice conveyed thereby has been instructive and edifying, reminding us of the admonition as "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

We are few in number, and feel weak, and discouraged, and at times; almost ready to give out by the way. There are in attendance several of our younger members, whose solid deportment give evidence that they are interested in the affairs of the church, upon whose shoulders the burdens thereof must soon rest Our desire is that they may be faithful. We miss the company and advice of dear elderly Friends, who have been wont to meet with us and to take sweet counsel together, in these our annual assemblys, some of whom have passed to their reward. Their memory is still precious to us. Others who through age and infimity are unable to come up to these our annual assemblies, we deeply sympathize with. We have the company of dear Friends from five other Yearly Meetings, whose admonitions we trust will be treasured up to our benefit.

We have been reminded, that it is necessary to feel the need of spiritual food before we are likely to be benefitted thereby; may we experience a being able to gather up some of the fragments, that they be not all wasted. The reading of the answers to the Queries has brought to our notice deficiencies and weaknesses, which we deplore. Much pertinent counsel and advice was handed forth; we were encouraged to examine ourselves individually and see that we may profit thereby.

Finally brethren, farewell; Be strong in the Lord. May you with ourselves be enabled to put on strength in His name, who has promised to be strength in weakness, and a present helper in every time of need, to all those who call upon Him.

Signed on behalf of this meeting,

GEORGE POLLARD, Clerk.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at West Branch, Cedar Co., Iowa, from 12th of 10th month, to the 17th of the same inclusive, 1905.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends:

We have afresh been reminded of the goodness of our Hea-

venly Father in gathering us together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting.

We have at this time several dear Friends with us from other Yearly Meetings, by whose tender counsel we desire to profit. And as we feel that their labors amongst us has come from the source of all good, so the same power which has caused the seed to be sown can also cause it to grow in us, if we are willing to live under its purging influence which is to purge our corrupt nature, even that nature which is enmity against God.

We have been earnestly reminded of our many short-comings which also reminds us of our Heavenly Fathers love to us, in thus making us sensible of our real condition. Have we not dear Friends great cause to be encouraged to live more watchful and prayerful? How tenderly Christ advises his followers to watch and pray; and have we not realized that when we were negligent in these duties, darkness and confusion of spirit, has been our portion. But as obedience to known duties has been abode in as they from time to time have been revealed to us, our hearts have been filled with peace and joy.

So finally brethren may the exortation of the apostle be our experience. "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might," for surely nothing short of that power, even the spirit of Christ which so mightily operated in the hearts of our forefathers, the same power is God's gifts to us, through Christ, not only to change us from nature to grace, but also enable us to grow in grace.

We bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

CLARKSON T. PENROSE, Clerk.

Correspondents, CLARKSON T. PENROSE, West Branch, Iowa.
MILTON MILLS, Dexter, Iowa.
OLE T. SAWYER, LeGrand, Iowa.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Emporia, Kansas, by adjournments from the 20th of 10th month to the 24th of the same inclusive, 1905.

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS—In coming together again in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we have been humbled under a sense of our unworthiness and have again been made to feel our dependence

Pages 19-22 were missing

from the original

and were not copied.

11. The committee appointed last year to record the minutes reported attended to, and the recording was done at a cost of one dollar which was satisfactory.

12. The following named Friends were appointed to attend to the recording this year, defray the expense by a draft on our Treasury and report to next Yearly Meeting, Ada V Stanton, Ida Peacock, Mary Jane Stanley, Mary Pinson and Alice Thomas.

13. The representatives were directed to confer together and propose to next session the name of a Friend for clerk and one for an assistant.

14. Then adjourned to meet at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY. MORNING.

TENTH MONTH, NINTH.

15. The meeting convened near the time adjourned to.

16. Mary Ellen Barker on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing Sarah Ann Johnson for clerk and Annah Stanton for an assistant, the meeting uniting therewith, they were appointed to that service.

17. An epistle from our sisters of Iowa Yearly Meeting was read at this time, which was satisfactory.

18. The state of society was entered into by the reading of the queries with corresponding answers from the Quarterly Meetings, the following being an approved summary.

1st *Answer*. All of our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, though some are remiss in this important

duty. Unbecoming behavior guarded against, and mostly avoided. The hour of meeting pretty well observed by most Friends.

2nd *Ans.* Friends appear to be preserved in a good degree of Christian love one towards another Talebearing and detraction are discouraged. We know of no differences amongst us

3rd *Ans.* We believe many Friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children and those of other Friends under their care in our Christian principles—yet there is a place for more simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which they enjoin. And most Friends endeavor to guard them against pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation, and we hope they are encouraged to the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures.

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5th *Ans.* No poor amongst us requiring aid from the meeting. Assistance is given for the education of children where parents are in limited circumstances.

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8th *Ans.* There is a care to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to endeavor to evince to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meakness and love, before judgment is placed upon them.

ANNUAL ANSWERS.

1st *Ans.* No new meeting settled the past year.

2nd *Ans.* Schools are encouraged under the tuition of teachers in membership with us. As far as we know each family of Friends is furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

3rd *Ans.* The queries addressed to the Quarterly Monthly, and preparative meetings have been read and endeavors used to answer them as directed.

19. By the reports from the Quarterly meetings we are informed they have raised and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Central Committee on Books and Tracts $5.30, and for Yearly Meeting purposes, $12.85, which was directed to be placed in care of Lydia Bales, Elizabeth H. Johnson and Eliza G. Ashton, who were appointed to settle with the Treasurer, ascertain the amount of money in her hands, and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, the ensuing year, and report to a future session.

20. The subordinate meetings were directed to forward their contributions for Books and Tracts to the Treasurer of the Central Committee, and to send an account of it to the Yearly Meeting. They were also directed to forward their contributions for Yearly Meeting purposes as heretofore.

21. The Book and Tract, Peace and Temperance Committee produced a satisfactory report. The committee was continue to the service and directed to report to the next Yearly Meeting.

(For Report see Men's Minutes.)

22. The meeting was furnished with the information that White River Monthty Meeting with the approval of Laura Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders have rocorded John H. Robinson a minister of the Gospel.

23. This meeting unites in appointing the following named Friends to join a like committee of Men's Meeting to propose names for a committee to visit, in the love of the Gospel, the subordinate meetings and the members composing them for their help and encouragement, and to appoint meetings as Truth opens the way: Eliza G. Ashton, Mary Jane Peacock, Dorcas Pemberton and Nancy T. Hadley.

24. Those appointed last year relative to opening epistolary correspondence with North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Cedar Grove in Woodland, North Carolina, to attend that meeting, and as way may open to mingle with them in their subordinate meetings and families, report as follows with which this meeting unites. This meeting accordingly recognizes North Carolina Yearly Meeting as a co-ordinate branch of the Society of Friends. The committee also returned the minute granted them for the aforesaid service, with returning minutes from some of the meeting for discipline which they attended, which was satisfactory.

(For Report See Men's Minutes.)

25. An acceptable epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting of men and women Friends was read at this time and the meeting united with the judgement of men Friends in answering it as we do to the other Yearly Meetings.

26. Mary Ellen Barker, Sarah T. Maxwell and Mary Blackburn were added to the committee appointed at a former session to prepare replies to the epistles received.

27. Then adjourned to meet on Fifth day morning at 10 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY MORNING.

TENTH MONTH, ELEVENTH.

28. The meeting convened near the time adjourned to.

29. The committee appointed to settle with the treasurer, etc., reported as follows which was satisfactory, and Mary Jane Stanley was reappointed treasurer the ensuing year.

REPORT.

We have examined the Treasurers account and find, with the balence on hand, they do agree.

Balance brought forward from last year.... ...	$14 87
Received from Quarterly Meetings.....	12 85
Total.....	$27 72

We are united in proposing that Mary Jane Stanley be reappointed treasurer the ensuing year.

On behalf of the committee.

ELIZABETH H. JOHNSON.

30 The committee on Education made a satisfactory report. The committee was continued to have the subject under their care and report to next Yearly Meeting, except Hannah B. Horn who had removed from our limits.

(For Report See Men's Minutes.)

31. A report from the Trustees of the Educational fund was read which was satisfactory.

(For Report See Men's Minutes,)

32. The minutes of the Representative meeting were read and the proceedings of that body the past year were approved.

33. The committee to prepare returning minutes for Friends who are with us produced the following which

were satisfactory and the clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

(For Report See Men's Minutes.)

34. There are also a number of dear Friends in attendance without minutes, whose company and consistent deportment has been satisfactory and encouraging to us.

35. A summary of the answers to the queries from the meeting of ministers and elders were read satisfactory.

36. The Friends appointed to prepare replies to Epistles produced one each to Canada New England, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, and North Carolina Yearly meetings which were read and approved. The clerk was directed to sign them on the behalf of this meeting, and place them in the hands of the correspondents to adjust and forward to their respectives places.

37. The committee appointed to propose names for a visiting committee offer, the names of Nathan Pinson, Eli H. Harvey, Mary Jane Peacock, Milton Stanley, Irene J. Pickett, Ezra Baker, Joseph Allen, Lydia B. Thomas, Hannah Elmore, Sarah T. Maxwell, and John H. Robinson, who were united with and they were appointed, except Lydia B. Thomas and Hannah Elmore who were absent, to attend to the service as they may be enabled to do and report to next Yearly Meeting.

38. The committee appointed to prepare extracts from the exercises of this meeting produced the following which was satisfactory.

The meeting convened under a sense of poverty, with many lagging, drooping spirits, but as the meeting progressed, we felt the promise verified "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." The gospel has been preached, and the way made plain.